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Humor and Pathos of Accident In-  
surance.

The president of one of the leading accident insurance companies gave a lecture to the students of Yale university, a few days ago, and he brought out some very interesting and suggestive facts and figures. Alluding to the popular belief that most accidents occur in traveling, he pointed out that the percentage is almost the same between the casualties which happen to people indoors at their homes and those which happen to them while traveling with horses and vehicles, while accidents at home, inside and outside the house, are more than seven times as frequent as accidents on railroads. But here is the percentage of causes among the claims paid by the insurance company:

Accidents to pedestrians.....	24.14
At home (indoors).....	18.80
Horses and vehicles.....	18.16
At home (outside).....	15.98
Recreation.....	6.15
Railroad travel.....	4.77
Bicycle accidents.....	4.06
Street car travel.....	2.74
Use of firearms.....	1.73
Animal bites.....	1.52
Assaults.....	1.20
Steamship travel.....	.79
Miscellaneous.....	.05

Total.....100.00

Mark Twain long ago contended that the most dangerous place in all the world is one's bed at home, basing his contention on the fact that more people die in bed than anywhere else; and the foregoing table indicates that home, at least, is the most dangerous spot that one can frequent. More than one-third of all the accidents which befall us happen at home.

Another very curious detail concerns the bicycle. When it first came into favor that instrument was the cause of a lot of trouble, but the number of bicycle claims paid by this one company has been steadily declining. Since 1896 there has been a falling off amounting to 91 per cent. Whether this comes from a reduced use or from a better ability to manage the article is to be determined by the philosophers. Here are the figures:

Year.	Claims.	Amount
1896.....	812	\$44,574.21
1897.....	557	27,821.43
1898.....	508	28,462.98
1899.....	432	18,723.69
1900.....	359	14,067.73
1901.....	284	10,089.08
1902.....	199	8,613.15
1903.....	98	3,970.24

One would scarcely look for humor in a business that deals with human mutilations and sufferings, but the insurance president to whom we have referred pointed out in his lecture that the records of an accident company contain, nevertheless, many curiosities, such as the case of a young man who worked in a saw-mill and lost one of his fingers "monkeying with the buzz saw." He soon recovered, received the indemnity payable under his policy, went back to work, and promptly reported the loss of another finger; the explanation being that it was taken off while showing a friend how he lost the first one.

A Pennsylvania sheriff, who was conducting an execution, suffered a disturbance of his nerves, and in hastily leaving the platform, fell down the gallows steps and fractured two ribs. Another gives this account of himself: "Was asleep and dreamed that a mad bull was rushing at me, when I kicked at this imaginary animal, striking the wall violently and injured my right great toe."

Another "was standing at the cow stable door, lifted my right foot to touch a cow, and when doing so think my left foot was placed on the tail of the cow. The cow started and I was thrown and fell, striking violently on my left side."

And these specimens are quoted from various claims:

"Some captive rattlesnakes in a restaurant escaped from the box in which they were kept and so frightened one of the patrons that in his haste to get out he fell down in front of me, and in getting up came underneath me, tossing me over his head."

"While assisting a lady who had an umbrella under her arm aboard a train, the point of the umbrella was accidentally thrust into my left eye."

"Placed electric fan beside by bed on a hot night, and while asleep stuck my foot into it."

"Kicked at water bug on floor under sink, struck foot against water pipe and broke toe."

"Striking right hand against pair of shears in hip pocket while chasing a

rooster (at home) to clip his wings." "Wiping off an electric automobile when gold ring on left hand came in contact with electric current melting the ring and burning finger to the bone."

"Have been around the world three times and never been injured, but was so unfortunate at my home as to step in a bucket some one had left on the cellar stairs and fell down."

"Bitten by a lobster."

"Lacerated thumb while cutting coupons."

## A Word for the Sluggard.

Don't be discouraged because your boy or girl is a "sleepy-head" and has to be dragged out of bed for breakfast. The old belief that a child ought to be chased out of bed before daylight has had to give way to a more rational doctrine. The people of England, who are forever writing to their newspapers in discussion of domestic problems, have lately been going over the question of sleep for children. One writer to the London Mail leaves others to draw conclusions while he states the record of five members of his family, never one of whom jumped out of bed until he was pulled out or dabbled with a wet sponge.

And here is his faithful record of the five sluggards:

Aged Thirty—Manager of large manufacturing works.

Aged Twenty-seven—Doctor; medalist with honors.

Aged Twenty-three—M. A. at eighteen years old; now going up for his last half of his final for LL. B.

Aged Twenty—Student in medicine; carried all before him in every exam.

Aged Fifteen—Head boy of his school.

Yet every one of these was called lazy, according to their sponsor, and he avers that every one will this day at any time, morning, noon and night, enjoy repose when he can snatch it.

The need of many hours sleep may come from numerous causes—perhaps because of rapid cellular change from study, and the necessity of cell-repairing; perhaps from slow digestion, perhaps from a demand which nature makes for the restoration of an equilibrium of the nervous forces—but whatever the reason, children and adults should get all the sleep that nature calls for.

## How Germany Civilizes.

For several months, at intervals, brief cable dispatches have chronicled the progress of hostilities between the Hereros and Germans in German South Africa. Almost uniformly, so far, the German forces have been defeated; although, to be sure, the fighting has been nothing but skirmishing. The troops available against the natives are few in number, and it is stated at Berlin that the Germans cannot take the offensive effectively before the middle of April. Beyond a mild curiosity to know why it has been found necessary to have war with the Hereros, who, like all other native Africans, would rather have peace than war with the white man, there has been but a languid interest in this country in the affair, but this interest will be stimulated somewhat when the cause of the native uprising is known.

A cablegram from Berlin to the New York Sun explains that this cause is found in the atrocious cruelty of the Germans toward the Hereros. It is affirmed that the brutality of German soldiers and officials which is gradually coming to light equals the cruelty of which the Belgians have been guilty in the Congo Free State. Official reports published in Berlin a few days ago confirm the worst accusation made by the newspapers and missionaries in regard to the Germans' ruthless cruelty and injustice to the natives. Lands and cattle have been seized for debts already paid. The flogging, imprisonment and shooting of natives on the slightest pretext is common. Women and children have been subjected to every form of horror.

A resident of Cape Colony who recently visited the scene of trouble states that Germans to the number of 120 have been killed by the natives, and he describes the German system of government as terrible. Women are forced to do hard work, such as pushing trucks at the custom house, while soldiers look on and beat them with whips if they are thought to be shirking. Some of these women, the colonist says, were carrying little children on their backs, who came in for a share of the punishment. Herero men were chained by the neck and feet and treated worse than convicts.

Altogether, the story throws a brilliant flash upon the German method of carrying "civilization" and Christianity into the benighted regions of the earth, and it is evident that the Germans have learned no lesson from the failure of the Spanish style of colonization.

The Hereros are cattle-raisers, and are partly civilized. That they have some civilization is evident from the fact that they are not molesting Englishmen or Boers who happen to be found in their country. They form a populous tribe, and as they are good fighters when aroused they will make things interesting for the invaders for awhile. But of course they can make no stand of consequence against German machine guns when the real fighting begins.

## Against Too Much Book Learning.

In the new system of examination for promotion to which all officers of the army will be subjected it is prescribed that too much dependence shall

not be placed on mere book learning. It has been found that some officers, just before their examination for advancement, apply themselves to the textbooks so as to be able to pass with flying colors. They are sometimes found to be no better qualified for the duties of the next higher grade than officers who possess less book learning but know more about the practical side of the work. The problem with the authorities has been a troublesome one, and much consideration has been given the subject in the hope of establishing a system of examination which shall not be entirely in favor of the scholar or the spasmodic student who does his work just before he appears before the examining board. The instructions to the boards convened hereafter will contain this admonitory paragraph:

"It should be borne in mind that the object of the examination is to determine the actual professional fitness of officers for promotion. Mere cramming is not a desirable feature in the examination of mature and generally well educated men. Boards should so conduct examinations that the qualifications for promotion will be developed by the officer's ability to make practical application of all he has learned, rather than the commitment to memory of equations and generally he would under ordinary conditions obtain from books of reference. Correct understanding of theory is indispensable, but should in all cases be coupled with the ability to make practical application of the knowledge."

Pacific coast weather is behaving more capriciously this year than ever before. As a rule, when general rains occur in California, rains follow in Arizona within forty-eight hours; but during the past month California has been deluged time and again, and Arizona remains dry.

According to Tennessee's democratic champion, Senator Carmack, "If Hearst is nominated all is lost save honor." But provided certain thrifty democratic politicians in Arizona do not miss something more substantial, they are willing to take chances on the honor.

Champ Clark, the Missouri Demos-thenes, is predicting that the republican party will go to pieces this year. It would be cruelty to awaken Mr. Clark.

## THEY KEPT THE FAITH.

There have been published in the Weekly Inter Ocean in the last month a hundred or more letters from men who cast their first votes for Fremont or Lincoln. Most of the first voters for Lincoln served in the Union army, and a majority of the same householders in the never wet after the war. All of them are telling stories of the kind that illuminate history.

For example, one man, severely wounded at Cold Harbor in 1864, and who saw in General McClellan the ideal soldier, went to the polls as crutches and voted—for Abraham Lincoln, because Lincoln's platform was right and McClellan's wrong.

Another man, who with 10,000 other Union soldiers was a prisoner at Florence, Ala., voted a black bean for Lincoln. The confederate authorities, desiring to ascertain the sentiments of the Union prisoners, established a polling place, and decreed the prisoners should vote white or black beans—white beans for McClellan and black beans for Lincoln. The emancipated and despondent men marched up to the polls and voted—black beans for Lincoln, many of them saying: "All hell cannot make us vote white beans."

In other cases first votes for Lincoln were cast in rebel stockades; in others again on the eve of battle or of long marches or after battles. Of those who voted for Lincoln in 1860 some came from the old whig party, some from the democratic, and not a few from the free soil party.

Letters have been received from men who voted for Harrison in 1840, Clay in 1844, John P. Hale in 1852, Fremont in 1856 and Lincoln in 1860.

The spirit that runs through all these letters is that of devotion to principle, pride in leadership like that of Lincoln, and exaltation in having started right in the career of citizenship.

## The story of a man who rode fifty

## ATTENTION

To physical warnings will often prevent a serious illness. When there are oppressive fullness after eating, bitter rising, belching, headache, dizziness, nervousness, with physical and mental sluggishness, prompt attention should be given to the condition of the digestive and nutritive systems. Not all the symptoms will occur at once or in any single case, but any one of them indicates a disordered condition of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition.

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A. R. Reynolds, Chief of Police,

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Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for many kinds of diseases, and if permitted to continue much suffering and fatal results are sure to follow. Kidney trouble irritates the nerves, makes you dizzy, restless, sleepless and irritable. Makes you pass water often during the day and obliges you to get up many times during the night. Unhealthy kidneys cause rheumatism, gravel, catarrh of the bladder, pain or dull ache in the back, joints and muscles; make your head ache and back ache, cause indigestion, stomach and liver trouble, you get a sallow, yellow complexion, make you feel as though you had heart trouble; you may have plenty of ambition, but no strength; get weak and waste away.

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miles to vote for Lincoln, or who walked ten miles to vote for Grant, or who, wounded, was carried to the hospital, and then, after being nursed in his hand, may seem extravagant in this day, but they have the pathos of heroism and they show what stuff the fighting American of forty and forty-four years ago had in him.

When men come forward by the score to testify to their pride in the fact that they voted for Lincoln in 1860, the younger and indifferent voters of this later day a lesson in political conviction. The first voters for Lincoln were men who stood fast when danger threatened, who fought and won through their devotion to principle, and who today rejoice in the memory of duty done and faith kept—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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